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SUBJECT: "LA HORA" ATTACKS ON AMBASSADOR AND SEC

REF: SAN JOSE 2509

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1. ON JUNE 20 "LA HORA" PRINTED ANOTHER EDITORIAL ATTACKING AMBASSADOR TODMAN, THIS ONE ENTITLED "A REQUEST TO MR. TODMAN." THE EDITORIAL, AMONG RELATED THINGS, ACCUSED THE AMBASSADOR OF "MOVING INFLUENCES" TO SECURE PASSAGE OF AN EXTRADITION LAW REFORM. THIS EDITORIAL FOCUSED AGAIN ON THE INTERVENTIONIST THEME NOTING THAT IT IS HIGH TIME THE U.S., AT A TIME WHEN ITS CREDIBILITY IS BEING QUESTIONED, STOP TRYING TO "PRESSURE" THE SMALLER COUNTRIES.

2. OPPOSITIONIST "LA REPUBLICA" TOOK UP THE DEFENSE ON JUNE 21 IN AN EDITORIAL. THE CENTRAL THEME HERE WAS THAT THE PRO-VESCO FORCES ARE UNDERTAKING "A VAST AND EXPENSIVE CAMPAIGN (TO PERSUADE) OUR DEPUTIES NOT TO REPEAL THE EXTRADITION LAW..." THE EDITORIAL JUSTIFIES THE BEHAVIOR OF THE AMBASSADOR AS NORMAL UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND ELABORATES UPON THE RAMPANT CYNICISM IN THE COUNTRY THAT DOES NOT PERMIT CORRECTION

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OF THE EXTRADITION LAW.

3. "EXCELSIOR," ALSO ON JUNE 21, PUBLISHED A FULL-PAGE PAID AD IN WHICH THE EMBASSY'S PRESS RELEASE ON THE SEC WAS CRITICIZED AS BEING A "STRANGE AND CONFUSED SIMULATION." THE PAID AD WENT ON TO QUOTE SEVERAL U.S. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES WHERE THE SEC WAS ALSO CRITICIZED. THE ARTICLE CLOSED STATING THE SEC HAD BECOME CONVERTED FROM AN INSTITUTION TO PROTECT STOCKHOLDERS INTO "ONE MORE POLITICAL ARM OF THE GOVERNMENT."

4. TEXT OF ANTI-SEC AD POUCHED JUNE 24. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS SEC OR DEPARTMENT MIGHT HAVE ON THE CONTENT.
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